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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to a first Office Action on the merits, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Specification

Page 1, before the first line, please insert the following new paragraph:

A1  
This application is a divisional under 35 U.S.C. 120 of prior co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/200,743, filed November 30, 1998, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference, which is in turn a divisional under 35 U.S.C. 120 of prior co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/872,023, filed June 10, 1997, now U.S. Patent 5,874,447, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

In The Claims

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Please cancel claims 1-23 in favor of the following new claims 24-30:  
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9/5/02  
24 (new). A process for preparing paroxetine hydrochloride comprising contacting paroxetine methanesulfonate and hydrochloric acid and thereby forming paroxetine hydrochloride.